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Mother and Son Sentenced on Federal Drug Charges

Donavan Slagg receives life in prison; mother Tammy Heid receives 18 months

FARGO - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on September 23, 2010, **Donavan Slagg** of Bismarck, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson to life in prison for his role in a drug conspiracy.

Slagg, 33, was found guilty by a 12-person jury on January 29, 2010, of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and money laundering conspiracy. Slagg and other co-conspirators received large quantities of methamphetamine from sources in California and elsewhere and distributed it in the Bismarck-Mandan area.

On January 13, 2009, Slagg was arrested at a Bismarck hotel with 31.86 grams of a mixture of methamphetamine and \$3,000 in cash. Upon appearing in state custody, Slagg's bail was set at \$50,000 cash. Co-conspirators, including Slagg's mother, Tammy Heid, gathered up drug proceeds and posted \$50,000 cash at the Burleigh County Courthouse. The money was subsequently seized by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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Tammy Heid, 52, of Bismarck, pleaded guilty on April 2, 2010, to money laundering conspiracy and was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Patrick A. Conmy on September 22, 2010, to 18 months in prison.

“IRS Criminal Investigation, along with other federal, state, and local agencies, is committed to fighting the war on drugs," according to IRS Criminal Investigation Acting Special Agent in Charge, Jose M. Martinez. “We follow the money trail and provide the financial investigative techniques crucial to exposing the untaxed underground drug economy.”

A historical investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration and Internal Revenue Service revealed numerous co-conspirators. To date, 16 people have been charged and convicted in this investigation.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, Bismarck-Mandan Task Force, and Moorhead, Minnesota Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorneys Chris Myers and Keith Reisenauer prosecuted the case.

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